

Captain of the Gen. Slocum Must Serve Ten-Year Term Oil Fire on East River Front Causes \$500,000 Loss Senator Rayner Blames Wall Street for Causing Panic

WEATHER: Fair; probably rain to-morrow.

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FIRE DESTROYS PART OF GREAT OIL PLANT ON EAST RIVER FRONT

Streams of Blazing Fluid Scattered by Series of Terrific Explosions in the Filling House of Pratt Astral Works.

Fire, starting in the filling room of the Pratt Astral Oil Works, the principal plant of the Standard Oil Company on Long Island, which extends along the water front from North Eleventh to North Fourteenth streets, Williamsburg, threatened destruction to the entire plant to-day, and was only prevented from spreading to surrounding factories and six gas tanks of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, by change in the direction of the wind and hard work of firemen.

The filling room is a one-story structure in which were housed 100,000 cases of oil. At one end of the long building was the shipping department and at the other the offices of the shipping clerks.

500 Men in Peril.

More than 500 men were in the building when the fire was discovered. The blaze worked to both ends of the building before an alarm of fire could be sounded. Bursting cases of oil made streams of fire. Some of these streams ran toward the river and others trailed back into the yard separating the storage house from twenty or more big tanks of oil.

The workmen headed off these blazing streams as best they could until the firemen arrived. When water was thrown on the burning oil it only seemed to make the fire more furious. Four alarms were sent in for the engines, and all the fireboats in Greater New York were summoned. Some of the burning oil floated on top of the river, making it dangerous for the fireboats to venture close.

The firemen, with spades and shovels, hurled dirt on the burning oil that found its way back of the building. The heat was so great and the smoke so dense and suffocating that their task was most dangerous.

Gas Tanks Were Menaced.

One block away were the tanks of the gas company. The heat from the burning building and oil was severe, even at this distance, and factory buildings in the vicinity were all hot. On these buildings the firemen sent streams

NEW GIANTS OFF ON TRAINING TRIP IN SOUTH

Youngsters Sail To-Day to Join McGraw in Texas.

VETS FOLLOW LATER.

Herzog, McKinney, O'Brien, Malarkey and Newspaper Men Creole's Passengers.

The tooting of whistles, the waving of flags and the pushing of the giant turbine steamer Creole through the harbor this afternoon at 1 o'clock ushered in the baseball season of 1908.

It will be a long time before the fans get into a finish heat action, but the Creole carried on her hurricane deck five of the young giants who expect to make history at the Polo Grounds, and around them was a party of twenty-five fans who will go as far as New Orleans to witness the Mardi Gras festivities. A party of newspaper men also accompanied the recruits, and from now on will recount tales of sea suffering that will form an important part of future baseball history.

The trip to New Orleans will take five days and then the recruits will go over the Southern Pacific to Miami, Fla., where they will be met by Manager McGraw. It is the plan of McGraw to train the youngsters for two weeks before the regulars show up for their annual training camp. Within a few days the land lubbers will start from various points throughout the South and West, so as to reach the training grounds at the same time as the fellows who went by sea.

The giants who sailed this afternoon are Herzog, McKinney, O'Brien, Malarkey and Newspaper. Of the lot, O'Brien was the central figure as he looks up to a height of six feet and two inches, and every inch of him looks the ball player. He is said to be a very clever hitter, and his physical appearance bodes him the reputation.

The Creole players will sail on Feb. 20. The second party will be made up of Mathewson, Dolin, Seymour, White, Lynch, Devin, Tenney and Hamilton. The second installment of players will go late, so as to give the youngsters a chance to get in trim before they get on hand to demonstrate the fine points of the game.

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New Members of Giants' Team, Sailed To-Day for Training Ground.



HERZOG. MCKINNEY. O'BRIEN. MALARKY.

Commander of Boat on Which More Than a Thousand Lives Were Lost Loses in Fight to Retain Liberty.

PUNISHMENT OF OTHERS STILL HELD IN ABEYANCE.

Sole Penalty Meted Out to Man of Seventy Who Sailed Floating Firetrap on Which Life Preservers Sank Persons Who Used Them.

Captain William H. Van Schaick will have to serve ten years in prison because he commanded the excursion steamer Gen. Slocum when she burned in the East River on June 15, 1905, with a loss of more than one thousand lives.

The sentence, which was imposed at the time he was found guilty of neglect of duty in the United States Circuit Court, a year ago, was affirmed to-day by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

The sole punishment for a disaster that overtook an unseaworthy, unprotected firetrap, carrying life preservers that actually drowned persons who fastened them on, falls upon a man who is over seventy years old. Another was indicted with him—Inspector of Hulls Lundberg, who certified the rotten life preservers and inadequate life saving apparatus—but Lundberg has escaped conviction in three trials.

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TEA LEAF, 12 TO 1, M'DANIEL UP, FINALLY WINS

Gets Home a Length in Front of My Love in New Orleans Second.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.—The Mississippi Selling Stakes added something to the quality of the program at the Fair Grounds this afternoon. It was at six furlongs, and while not bringing out the top-liners of the sprinting division, it had at the post a few horses of some little quality. Under the conditions all the starters were able to get in at light weights, the top of those starting being the Ellison mare Lady Souffle.

The card throughout was decidedly better than on the last few days. It should have been under any condition, and particularly since the track dried out fairly well and for the most part gave good footing. The weather was warm, but had in it a threat of more rain that set the trainers guessing again as to how soon they would be called upon to have the mud larks ready for another try. Summary:

First Race—Purse, \$500; two-year-olds; three and one-half furlongs;—Marsie Abe, 18 (Notter), 1 to 3; 1 to 4; 1 to 1; won by two lengths; Tony W. 112 (Nico), 12 to 1; 5 to 2 and 6 to 5; second; Pocallo, 104 (J. W. Murphy), 40 to 1; 10 to 1 and 4 to 1; third; Lillian Ray, 104 (R. H. Laidy), 10 to 1; fourth; Nigger Baby, Jack O'Connell also ran.

Second Race—Three-year-olds; selling; five and a half furlongs;—Tea Leaf, 12 (McDaniel), 1 to 3; 1 to 2 and 1 to 1; won by a length; My Love, 112 (Heidel), 6 to 1; 2 to 1 and even; 2; Night Mist, 67 (E. Walsh), 8 to 1; 2 to 1 and even; 3; Time—1:01 1/5. Culture, Queen's Sovereign, Joyful Lady, Male Pleasure, Bitter Palm, Listerine and Divorce also ran.

WOMAN SCALDED TO DEATH IN TUB AT AN ASYLUM

Paralytic, Unable to Help Herself, Left Alone at Her Bath.

Although paralysis of the intestines was given as the cause of death in the case of Mrs. Catherine Fay, of Newark, who was buried to-day, it was admitted at the County Insane Asylum, in that city, that the end may have been hastened by a severe scalding which the woman got several days ago.

Being a paralytic, she was unable to help herself, and while being given a bath by a nurse in the asylum was left momentarily alone.

When the nurse returned she found the scalding water turned on and the woman still in the tub. She resisted the nurse, and help had to be summoned to get her out. Her scalds were attended to, but she died three days later.

It is not known who turned on the water.

LIGHTSHIP WIRELESS WORKS.

NEWPORT, R. I., Feb. 12.—For the first time since Thursday Lightspeed No. 85, on Nantucket Shoals, was in communication with the naval wireless station here to-day. The apparatus had been disabled, but was repaired with parts from Lightspeed No. 86, at New Bedford.

1, 6 to 1 and 3 to 1 second; Lotus Brandt, 12 (V. Powers), 5 to 1 even and 9 to 20 third;—Time, 1:10 3/5. Linda Lane, Inducement, Osmund, Javotte, Orob, Tartar Maid also ran.

WOMAN'S DRESS CATCHES FIRE AS SHE HOLDS BABY

Mrs. Stanton Throws Infant Into Child's Arms and Runs Into Hallway.

Dozing in a chair with her fifteen-month-old infant in her arms, Mrs. Mary Stanton, of No. 323 Columbus avenue, was awakened to-day by the screams of her seven-year-old daughter Helen, "Mamma, Mamma, your dress is burning."

A live coal from the grate near which the woman sat had dropped upon Mrs. Stanton's wrapper. The mother tossed her infant into the arms of little Helen and ran screaming from the apartment into the hallway.

The fire in her clothing burned fiercely, enveloping the woman in flames. Her cries as she sped through the hallway brought Mrs. Gibson, Nicholas Meyers and Joseph Segel. The men turned their coats about the agonized woman and Mrs. Gibson aided in extinguishing the fire with a pillow case which she hastily had snatched up.

Mrs. Stanton had been seriously burned and was removed to the J. Hood Wright Hospital.

1,000 COAL MINERS STRIKE IN ILLINOIS.

DUQUOIN, Ill., Feb. 12.—Following a stormy meeting between the coal miners and operators last miners employed by the Creta Cannel Company, of Chicago, went on strike here to-day.

The trouble originated over the price of powder which the operators have been selling to the miners.

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PIRATES SEIZED HIS SHIP.

Captain Ordered Off Wrecked
Back He Had Abandoned.

SEANTON, Miss., Feb. 12.—Capt. Van Schaick and crew of eleven of the Swedish bark Borokking, from Trinidad, to Hamburg with asphalt, and which was wrecked in the Atlantic, reached this point to-day on the steamship Ovela.

Capt. Van Schaick made an attempt to board his vessel, but was prevented by pirates, he says, who took charge of her after he first abandoned her.

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